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MEMORANDUM FOR: Cord Meyer  
SA/DDCI

SUBJECT : Narcotics and Relations with Academia

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I. There are two subjects to which [ ] has given some attention in the past and where, because of his departure, we are not now well covered. These are narcotics and relations with academia.

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As you may know, [ ] is now a part-time consultant in the White House for Peter Bourne who heads up the Office of Drug Abuse Policy (ODAP). [ ] is the Intelligence Advisor. He expects to develop an inter-community intelligence team to attack in a more coherent and more coordinated way the problems of strategic analysis of the narcotics flow, levying of requirements, and collection of information for both strategic and tactical purposes. When [ ] intelligence team or task force gets organized, I anticipate that we will be confronted with a problem similar to that which faced us when you took over the terrorism account. As in the case of terrorism, most of the action in CIA properly is handled by the DDO. Some analysis is done in the DDI; in fact, there has been progress on this front. DDI puts out bi-weekly narcotics staff notes. However, there is no one to look at this problem as a whole on behalf of the DDCI and who can assure him that we are properly represented on high level Agency bodies and that the Directorates and independent offices who might be able to contribute at any particular time are doing so in a coherent way.

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[ ] anticipates that as soon as Bourne is confirmed by the Senate, and has the terms of reference developed for various task forces, Bourne will begin to move out very aggressively to assert White House leadership over the various elements of the Executive which have a role to play on the narcotics front. His organization, in effect, replaces the former inter-agency narcotics Cabinet Committee which has not played a significant role since the departure of Bud Krogh from the scene.

In addition, the Agency has recently been criticized on several counts by the House Select Committee (HSC) on Narcotics Abuse and Control, chaired by Lester Wolff.

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I would appreciate your taking over the responsibility in the O/DDCI for providing leadership and guidance to the Directorates and assuring a coordinated CIA effort in the prospective Narcotics Intelligence Task Force and in responding to Congress.

II. A second problem area which may be of short duration in terms of the attention required from the O/DDCI, but which is more urgent, concerns the definition of policy with respect to CIA's relations with the Academic Community. As a result of an IG investigation, an inter-agency task force has been working to develop an Agency regulation on this subject. I believe it is chaired by [redacted]. The urgency is precipitated by Harvard University which recently sent us a proposed statement developed by a faculty committee set up as a result of the investigation of the Church Committee report to define the proper relationship of a University and its faculty with CIA.

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In response to the proposed statement, [redacted] and John Waller spent an afternoon with members of the Harvard Committee and were successful in getting them to reconsider some aspects of the proposed statement. [redacted] in his capacity as part-time consultant to the DDCI, is continuing to work on this. Specifically, the DCI asked him to help define an Agency policy with respect to the Academic Community, one which the DCI could use publicly as Bush did for the media. In order to be sure that we are aware of the scope and variety of our relationships, we have accumulated an inventory of contractual relationships and descriptions of other relationships as a data base.

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It is essential that we fix responsibility in O/DDCI for working with [redacted] and the ad hoc inter-agency team which is addressing this problem. It is an important one and the DCI's personal interest in it is very high indeed. For example, he personally called President Bok at his own initiative to assure that [redacted] and Waller would have an opportunity to meet with the Harvard Committee before Harvard took any action. He is very eager to announce a statement of CIA policy as soon as possible. Consequently, I would very much appreciate it if you would give this your immediate attention. [redacted] expects to be out here again Monday and will be attending a meeting of the Hal Bean committee. Perhaps you can get yourself read into it before that time.

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